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AMENDMENT AFTER FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed 2/22/2002, applicant files a Terminal Disclaimer herewith as required by the examiner to avoid double patenting.

Applicant cancels claims 1-9 and 12-20. Applicant files a substitute claim 10 to incorporate the limitations of the cancelled parent claims 1 and 2 with the limitations of claim 10:

10. (Substitute) A carpet assembly with shock absorbing properties comprising:

a mat of closed cell foam composition having shock damping properties and having a top side and a bottom side and a thickness of not less than substantially 5/8 inch and perimeter edges connecting said top side and said bottom side;

A1 a layer of adhesive covering the top side of the mat;

a layer of carpet having a top side and a bottom side, the bottom side of the carpet being fastened in contact with the adhesive for adherence thereto;

wherein the mat has an edge of closed cell foam forming least one perimeter edge of the carpet mat; and

wherein the edge of closed cell foam has a decreasing thickness, the width of the decreasing thickness is 1 to 12 times the thickness of the mat.